

Mr. Hartley offered the following amendment :

Add to end of 2d section—" Provided, that the public lands on the routes provided for in this section, shall not be reserved from location ; nor shall said company have any preference in the location thereof ;" adopted.

Mr. Hartley also offered the following amendment :

Additional section. " Section —. If said company shall not commence the construction of the roads on the routes mentioned in the preceding section, or either of them, within two years from the passage of this act, and construct and complete at least twenty-five miles every year thereafter until completed, then this act so far as the route which said company shall fail to so commence, continue and complete, shall be null and void ;" adopted.

On motion of Mr. Palmer, bill and amendments were postponed and made a special order for 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. Patrick moved to take up a bill to determine what lands have been forfeited ; lost.

Senate's bill for the relief of Jim Shaw, a Delaware Indian, was taken up, read first time, and passed to second reading.

On motion, rule suspended, bill read second time.

On motion, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed by a constitutional majority, Messrs. Hardeman of N. and Dooin voting in the negative.

Mr. Palmer moved that the House adjourn until half-past 9 o'clock, to-morrow ; lost.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Stacey Dailey was taken up, and bill read first time.

On motion, rule suspended, and bill read second time.

On motion, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Tankersly, the House adjourned until half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow.

AUSTIN, Friday, February 5, 1853.

House met—roll called—quorum present.

Absentees—Messrs. Bee, Bryan of B., Bryan of C., Browder, Camp, Edwards, Hartley, Johnson, Lott, McDade, Neal, Reid, Rowe, Stapp, Titus, Westmoreland and Wren.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Cannon presented the petition of John Watson, asking relief; referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Taylor of Fannin, on leave granted, recorded his vote in the negative on the passage of a bill making appropriations for the improvement of the rivers.

Mr. Pollock, on leave granted, recorded his vote in the affirmative on the passage of a bill relating to lands in Peters' Colony.

Mr. Hartley, from the Judiciary committee, reported that said committee had examined a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, finding no objection thereto, returned it to the House and recommended its passage.

On motion, the rule regulating the general order of business was suspended, and the bill and report taken up for consideration, and read.

On motion, the rule was further suspended, resolution read a third time and passed by a vote of 45 yeas to 5 nays.

On motion of Mr. Tarver, rule was suspended, and a bill to incorporate the Texas Orphan Asylum was taken up and read.

When Mr. Tankersley proposed the following amendment:

Sec. 16. That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the use and benefit of said institution.

Which was, on motion, laid upon the table.

The committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

February 5th, 1853.

To the Honorable Speaker
of the House of Representatives:

The committee on Enrolled Bills instruct me to report to the House, that

An act to give certain civil and criminal jurisdiction to the Mayor of the town of Washington in Washington county.

An act for the relief of the inhabitants of Presidio de San Elizario in El Paso county.

An act to amend the 99th, 130th and 131st sections of an act to regulate proceedings in the district courts, approved May 13, 1846, with the signatures of the Speaker and President of the Senate, were on the 4th instant, presented to the Governor for his approval.

I am also instructed to report that said committee have ex-

amined the following acts originating in the House of Representatives, and find the same correctly enrolled, viz :

An act to incorporate the Mount Enterprise male and female academy.

An act to be entitled an act to regulate the election of District Surveyors.

An act for the relief of the heirs of L. Gilbert.

An act to define the time of holding the district courts in the 10th judicial district.

An act explanatory of an act entitled an act for the relief of certain persons formerly prisoners in Mexico.

An act to incorporate the Victoria and Indianola plank and turnpike road company.

Joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to procure a further treaty with Mexico.

An act to create the 10th judicial district.

An act to authorize the issuance of duplicate certificates of the Auditor and Comptroller ; and

An act to authorize Stephen P. Hollinsworth and his associates to construct a bridge across the Sabine river.

BENJ. F. TANKERSLEY.

Report accepted.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate had passed

A bill to provide for a geological survey and examination of the State.

A bill to establish the New Orleans, Texas and Pacific railroad company, for the extension of the New Orleans, Opelousas and Western railroad through Texas.

A bill for the organization of corporations for works of public improvement and utility.

A bill to create the 6th military division.

A bill supplementary to an act to incorporate the Texas Monumental committee ; and

That the Senate insist upon their amendments to a bill to regulate the terms of the district courts in the third and thirteenth judicial districts ;

And have appointed Messrs. Day, Armstrong and Gray as a committee of Conference on their part.

The committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM, February 5, 1853.

To the Hon. D. C. DICKSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

The committee on Engrossed Bills have examined the following bills, viz :

A bill entitled an act to define the time of holding the district courts in the ninth judicial district.

A bill granting the use of certain portions of Galveston Bay to the Galveston Dry Dock company ; and

A bill entitled an act to define the boundary line of Bexar, Milam and Fannin Land Districts, and report the same correctly engrossed. Respectfully,

A. J. HOOD.

Report accepted.

COMMITTEE ROOM, February 5, 1853.

To the Hon. D. C. DICKSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

The committee on Engrossed Bills have examined the following bills, viz :

A bill making appropriations for purposes therein named ; and

A bill to incorporate the Memphis, El Paso and Pacific railroad company, and report the same correctly engrossed.

Respectfully,

A. J. HOOD, Chairman.

Report accepted.

On motion of Mr. Camp, a bill to incorporate the Memphis and El Paso railroad company was taken up and read, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, the rule was suspended, bill read a third time and passed by a constitutional majority ; Mr. Fields voting in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Browder, a bill to incorporate the town of San Patricio ; bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Pollock, a bill authorizing B. B. Davenport to practice law was taken up, read, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, rule suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Neighbors, a bill for the relief of John Conner, a Delaware Indian, was taken up ; read a first time and passed to a second reading.

On motion, rule suspended, bill read a second time and passed to a third reading.

On motion, rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed by a vote of 43 yeas and 3 nays.

On motion of Mr. Dagget, a bill supplementary to an act to incorporate the Texas and Louisiana railroad company, approved February 14th, 1842, was taken up; read a first time, and passed to a second reading.

On motion, the rule was suspended, bill read a second time.

When Mr. Hartley proposed the following amendment which was adopted :

[Amendment not in manuscript Journals.]

Bill, as amended, passed to a third reading.

On motion, rule further suspended, bill read a third time and rejected.

On motion of Mr. Reid, a bill for the relief of certain officers therein named, with the substitute reported by the committee, was taken up and read.

When several amendments were proposed to the bill by Messrs. Tankersly and Stewart, and laid upon the table.

Mr. Tankersly then moved to lay the bill and substitute on the table, which was refused.

After which, Mr. Tankersley proposed the following amendment, which was adopted :

Strike out first section, and insert : " this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first Monday of August, 1853."

The substitute as amended, was then adopted by a vote of 41 yeas to 6 nays.

Messrs. Cannon and Tankersley proposed amendments to the bill, but before action was had thereon, the previous question was ordered by a vote of 39 yeas to 11 nays.

The main question being the engrossment of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken and stood thus :

YEAS—Messrs. Andrews, Bee, Bryan of B., Camp, Cannon, Crabb, Crockett, Doom, Dunlap, Evans of A., Evans of P., Hamilton, Hardeman of N., Hooker, Hord, Jowers, Mabry, Maverick, McFarland, Neighbors, Palmer, Patrick, Randolph, Reid, Rossy, Rowe, Speights, Stapp, Tarver, Taylor of F., Thomson, Throckmorton, Turner and White—34.

NAYS—Messrs. Speaker, Dagget, Evans of B., Fields, Hartley, Hardeman of C., A. J. Hood, Lawson, Rains, Runnels, Scott, Sims, Stewart and Tankersley—14.

During the call of the yeas and nays aforesaid, when Mr.

Hartley's name was called, he arose to give his reasons for his vote; when

Mr. Scott called him to order, making the point that during the pendency of the previous question, no member had the right to speak to the subject.

The chairman decided that under the rules of the House, every member had a right to give his reasons for the vote he intended to cast.

Mr. Scott appealed from the decision of the chair; the question was put to the House, and the chair sustained.

The chair then announced that the bill under consideration was ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Stapp, the Senate's bill to extend the provisions of an act to provide for ascertaining the debt of the late Republic of Texas; and

A bill originating in the House for the ascertainment of the outstanding liabilities of the late Republic of Texas, were taken up, and made the special order for four o'clock, P. M. to-day.

On motion of Mr. Palmer, a bill supplementary to the acts to establish the Galveston railway company was taken from the table.

Mr. Palmer then proposed a substitute for the bill.

Mr. Scott moved the previous question; carried.

The previous question being the adoption of the substitute was put and carried affirmatively.

On motion of Mr. Palmer, rule suspended, the bill read a third time and passed by a constitutional majority.

Messrs. Fields and Crabb voting in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, a bill to incorporate the Virginia Point and Austin railroad company was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Charlton, the House adjourned until three o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met—roll called—quorum present.

The committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report.

COMMITTEE ROOM, February 5, 1853.

To the Hon. DAVID C. DICKSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The committee on Engrossed Bills have examined and find correctly engrossed

A bill supplementary to the acts to establish the Galveston and Red River railway company.

Respectfully, R. C. DOOM,
One of the committee.

Also, an act supplemental to an act to incorporate the Vicksburg and El Paso railroad company, and find it correctly engrossed. R. C. DOOM, one of the committee.

Report accepted.

A bill to incorporate the Virginia Point and Austin railroad company, not having been disposed of when the House adjourned, came up for consideration, was read, and passed to a second reading.

On motion, the rule was suspended, bill read a second time and passed to a third reading.

On motion, rule suspended, bill read a third time and passed by a constitutional majority; Mr. Fields voting in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Evans of A., the Senate's bill for the relief of William E. Howth, was taken up and read a first time.

On motion, rule suspended, bill read a second time; when Mr. Scott proposed to amend by striking out all after the words, "thirty-three dollars and ninety cents," which was rejected by a vote of 33 nays to 15 yeas, and bill passed to a third reading.

A motion was then made to suspend the rule in order that the bill might be placed upon its final passage, which was rejected.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate had passed

A bill to define the time of holding the District Courts in the 9th judicial district.

A bill to incorporate the Memphis, El Paso and Pacific railway company.

A bill reserving certain territory from location, and setting it apart for judicial purposes.

A bill supplementary to an act to provide for the erection of a State Capitol, with amendments.

A bill supplementary to an act authorizing the issuing of duplicate land warrants, discharges and headright certificates upon certain conditions; and providing for the loss of land scrip.

A bill to amend an act authorizing the county court of El Paso county to define the time of holding the courts in said county, etc.; and

A bill for the relief of John Sise, and others therein named.

The committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report :

February 5, 1853.

To the Hon. D. C. DICKSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

The committee on Enrolled Bills instruct me to report to the House that the following acts originating in the House, with the signatures of the Speaker and President of the Senate, were this day presented to the Governor for his approval :

An act to incorporate the Victoria plank and turnpike road company.

An act to authorize Stephen P. Hollingsworth and his associates to construct a bridge across the Sabine river.

An act to create the 10th judicial district.

A joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress, to procure a further treaty with Mexico.

An act to authorize the issuance of duplicate certificates of the Auditor and Comptroller.

An act explanatory of an act entitled an act for the relief of certain persons formerly prisoners in Mexico.

An act to define the time of holding the district courts in the 10th judicial district.

An act for the relief of the heirs of L. Gilbert.

An act to regulate the election of district surveyors ; and

An act to incorporate the Mount Enterprise male and female academy.

I am also instructed to report that said committee have examined the following acts originating in the House of Representatives, and find the same correctly enrolled :

An act to incorporate the town of Richmond ; and

An act to incorporate the Marshall railroad company.

BENJ. F. TANKERSLY.

Report accepted.

Mr. Tarver, chairman on part of the House of the committee of Conference, made the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM, February 5, 1853.

To the Hon. D. C. DICKSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

The committee of Conference, to whom was referred the bill to define the times of holding the courts in the 3rd and 13th judicial districts, together with the Senate's amendment inserting Williamson county, have considered the same and have instruc-

ted me to report the same back to the House and recommend that the House concur in the amendment of the Senate.

All of which is respectfully submitted. W. S. DAY,
Chairman on the part of the Senate.

B. E. TARVER,
Chairman of the House committee.

Report adopted, and bill passed.

On motion of Mr. Hartley, a bill to provide for the erection of a Treasurer's and Comptroller's department for the State of Texas was taken up and read ;

When Mr. Hartley proposed to amend as follows :

In first section, fill the blank with "twenty thousand dollars;" adopted.

Add the words, "fire proof," before "building," wherever it occurs in the bill ; adopted, and bill as amended, ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, rule suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Dunlap, a bill to incorporate the Brownsville and Rio Grande railroad company was taken up and passed to a second reading.

On motion, rule suspended, bill read a second time and passed to a third reading.

On motion, rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed by a constitutional majority ; Messrs. Fields and Crabb voting in the negative.

The committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM, February 5, 1853.

To the Hon. DAVID C. DICKSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

The committee on Enrolled bills instruct me to report to the House that they have examined the following acts and joint resolutions originating in the House of Representatives, and find the same correctly enrolled, viz:

An act to erect the counties of Cameron, Hidalgo Starr, Nueces, San Patricio, Webb, Presidio and El Paso, into separate land districts.

An act relating to the fiscal affairs of the late Republic of Texas.

Joint resolution concerning the public archives of Bexar county ; and

A joint resolution relating to volunteers called into the service of the State by the Governor.

BENJ. F. TANKERSLEY.

Report accepted.

Mr. Crockett offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the names of the members be placed in a hat by the Clerk and drawn by the Speaker, and as the names are drawn, each member drawn shall call up a bill and have the same disposed of until the list is through.

Read, and laid upon the table to come up in its order.

On motion of Mr. White, a bill to incorporate the Colorado Valley railroad company was taken up, and read a first time, and passed to a second reading.

On motion, rule suspended, and bill read a second time;

When Mr. Hartley proposed the following amendments:

1st. Strike out the "twentieth section;" adopted.

2nd. Strike out the two last lines in "sixteenth section;" adopted.

And insert: "Two years, and construct the twenty-five miles every year thereafter until the road is entirely completed;" adopted.

3rd. In fifteenth section, after the words "examine said railway," insert: "at the expense of said company;" adopted; and the bill as amended, passed to a third reading.

On motion, rule suspended, bill read a third time and passed by a constitutional majority; Messrs. Fields and Crabb voting in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Dickson, a bill for the relief of Antonio Menchaca was taken up, read and passed to a second reading.

On motion, the rule suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

On motion, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Fields moved to take up a bill for the relief of the heirs of Harvey Sanderson, deceased; refused.

The committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, February 5, 1853.

To the Hon. D. C. DICKSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The committee on Engrossed Bills have examined the following bills and find them correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act to permit and authorize B. B. Davenport to practice law;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of half fees to clerks of the District Court and sheriffs in criminal cases.

R. C. DOOM,

One of the committee on Engrossed Bills.

Report accepted.

The committee on Internal Improvements made the following report; which was read and decided by the chair out of order.

To the Hon. D. C. DICKSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Your committee upon Internal Improvements have duly considered the proposition of Z. M. McCaleb, who desires to build and establish a toll bridge and causeway across the San Jacinto river and bottom. The work proposed will be one of much utility to the inhabitants of a large and fertile section of country, whose products must pass on its way to market across the San Jacinto river at the point indicated or thereabouts.

The committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and report a bill in his favor, which is respectfully submitted to the favorable consideration of the House.

JOSEPH TAYLOR, Chairman.

A bill to extend the provisions of an act to provide for ascertaining the debt of the late Republic of Texas, approved March 20th, 1848; together with the bill to ascertain the outstanding liabilities of the late Republic of Texas, having been set apart as a special order for this hour, came up for consideration.

The former of which was read.

When Mr. Scott proposed the latter as a substitute, upon which the yeas and nays were taken and stood thus:

YEAS—Messrs. Speaker, Camp, Cannon, Charlton, Crockett, Doom, Edwards, Evans of B., Evans of P., Hartley, Harde-
man of N., A. J. Hood, Hooker, Jowers, Maverick, Neighbors,
Palmer, Patrick, Pollock, Rains, Randolph, Rowe, Runnels,
Scott, Sims, Speights, Tankersly, Taylor of H., and Wren—29.

NAYS—Messrs. Andrews, Bee, Bryan of B., Browder, Crabb,
Dagget, Dunlap, Evans of A., Fields, Flanagan, Hamilton,
Hardeman of C., Hord, Lawson, Mabry, McDade, McFarland,
Neal, Reid, Stapp, Stewart, Tarver, Taylor of F., Thomson,
Throckmorton, Turner and White—27.

So the substitute was adopted.

Mr. Tankersly proposed an amendment to the bill which was rejected.

The previous question was then called for and ordered, when Mr. Tankersly moved a call of the House, which the Speaker decided to be out of order.

The main question being the engrossment of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken thereon and stood thus:

YEAS—Messrs. Speaker, Andrews, Bee, Bryan of B., Brow-

der, Camp, Crockett, Dagget, Dunlap, Evans of A., Evans of P., Flanagan, Hamilton, Hardeman of C., Hardeman of N., Hooker, Lawson, Mabry, McDade, Neal, Patrick, Stapp, Tankersly, Tarver, Taylor of F., Taylor of H., Thomson, Throckmorton, Turner, White and Wren—31.

YAYS—Messrs. Cannon, Charlton, Crabb, Doom, Edwards, Evans of B., Hartley, A. J. Hood, Hord, Jowers, Maverick, McFarland, Neighbors, Palmer, Rains, Randolph, Rossey, Rowe, Runnels, Scott, Sims, Speights and Stewart—23.

So the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Stapp moved a suspension of the rule, that the bill might be placed upon its third and last reading, upon which the yeas and nays were taken and stood thus:

YEAS—Messrs. Speaker, Andrews, Bee, Bryan of B., Browder, Camp, Dagget, Dunlap, Evans of A., Evans of P., Fields, Flanagan, Hamilton, Hardeman of C., Hardeman of N., Hooker, Hord, Lawson, Mabry, McDade, Neal, Patrick, Stapp, Tankersly, Tarver, Taylor of F., Taylor of H., Thomson, Throckmorton, Turner, White and Wren—32.

NAYS—Messrs. Cannon, Charlton, Crabb, Crockett, Doom, Edwards, Evans of B., Hartley, A. J. Hood, Jowers, Maverick, McFarland, Neighbors, Palmer, Rains, Randolph, Rowe, Rossey, Runnels, Scott, Sims, Speights and Stewart—23.

Requiring a four-fifths vote, the motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, a bill supplementary to an act to provide for the erection of a State Capitol, as amended by the Senate was taken up, amendments read and concurred in.

Mr. Evans of A. moved to adjourn until Monday morning 9 o'clock; lost.

On motion of Mr. Tankersly, the House adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

House met—roll called—quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Fields, the resolution offered by Mr. Crockett relating to the order of business, was taken up, read, and adopted.

Mr. McFarland on leave, introduced a bill to provide the time of holding the courts in the second Judicial District of the State of Texas; read first time.

On motion, rule suspended, bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate had passed the following bills:

A bill to provide for the erection of a building for a Treasury and Comptroller's department for the State of Texas, with amendments.

A bill relating to appeals and writs of error from the thirteenth Judicial District, originating in that body.

On motion of Mr. Andrews, a bill for the relief of John Sise and others therein mentioned, together with amendments of the Senate, were taken up and amendments read.

The yeas and nays were taken, upon agreeing thereto, and stood thus:

YEAS—Messrs. Speaker, Andrews, Camp, Cannon, Charlton, Dagget, Doom, Dunlap, Evans of B., Evans of A., Flanagan, Hamilton, Hardeman of C., Hord, Lott, Mabry, Maverick, McDade, McFarland, Neal, Neighbors, Palmer, Patrick, Rowe, Runnels, Scott, Stewart, Tankersly, Thomson, Throckmorton and Turner—31.

NAYS—Messrs. Bee, Bryan of B., Browder, Crabb, Crockett, Edwards, Fields, Hardeman of N., A. J. Hood, Jowers, Randolph, Rossy, Sims and White—15.

So the amendments of the Senate were concurred in, and bill passed.

Mr. Jowers moved a reconsideration of the vote passing to a third reading a bill providing for the ascertainment of the outstanding liabilities of the late Republic of Texas, which motion was, on motion of Mr. Tankersly, laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Tankersly, a bill to enable Fisher and Miller to perfect titles to the lands for which certificates have been issued to them within the limits of Fisher and Miller's colony, together with the majority and minority report of the Judiciary committee, were taken up and read.

After some discussion had thereon, on motion of Mr. Stapp, the bill was laid upon the table by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Bryan of B., Browder, Cannon, Crabb, Crockett, Dagget, Dunlap, Evans of B., Flanagan, Hardeman of C., Hardeman of N., A. J. Hood, Hord, Lott, Mabry, Maverick, McFarland, Neighbors, Patrick, Rossy, Rowe, Runnels, Sims, Stapp, Taylor of H., Thomson, Turner and White—28.

NAYS—Messrs. Speaker, Andrews, Bee, Charlton, Doom, Edwards, Evans of A., Fields, Hamilton, Jowers, McDade, Neal, Palmer, Randolph, Scott, Stewart, Tankersly and Throckmorton—18.

Mr. Tankersly then moved the House adjourn until half past 9 o'clock Monday morning; lost.

On motion of Mr. Scott, a bill to provide for the erection of a Treasury and Comptroller's department for the State of Texas, with the amendments of the Senate thereto, was taken up, amendments read and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Patrick, Senate's bill relating to appeals and writs of error in the 13th Judicial District, was taken up, read, and passed to a second reading.

On motion, rule suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

On motion, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. White, a bill relating to the claims of certain creditors of the late Republic of Texas, was taken up, read, and passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Tankersly, was laid on the table by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Speaker, Cannon, Charlton, Crabb, Crockett, Doom, Edwards, Evans of B., Flanagan, Hardeman of N., A. J. Hood, Jowers, Lott, Neighbors, Randolph, Rossy, Rowe, Runnels, Scott, Sims, Tankersly, Taylor of H., and Thomson—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Andrews, Bee, Bryan of B., Browder, Dagget, Dunlap, Evans of A., Fields, Hamilton, Hardeman of C., Hord, Mabry, Maverick, McFarland, Neal Palmer, Patrick, Stapp, Stewart, Throckmorton, Turner and White—22.

On motion of Mr. Neal, Senate's bill reserving certain territory from location and setting the same aside for Indian purposes for fifteen years, was taken up, read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Scott moved to suspend the rule, upon which the yeas and nays were taken, but a quorum not voting.

On motion of Mr. Bee, the House adjourned until nine o'clock Monday morning.

AUSTIN, Monday, February 7, 1853.

House met—roll called—quorum present.

Absentees: Messrs. Bee, Bryan of B., Crabb, Fields, Flanagan, Hartley, Hord, Patrick, Pollock, Rowe, Taylor of F., Westmoreland and Wren.

Mr. Scott moved to suspend the call of committees; carried.